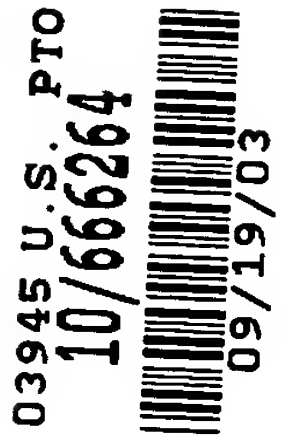


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Docket No.: GJE-5825C1



Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation application under Rule 53 of copending prior application Serial No. 09/806,613, filed March 29, 2001, of Ian Anthony Jones and Roger Jeremy Wise, for WELDING METHOD.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed, including a copy of the original Declaration. [The prior application is a 35 USC 371 U.S. national stage of PCT International Application PCT/GB99/03241, and, as originally filed, included the following (copies attached): The International Application (2 cover sheets, 11 sheets specification, 2 sheets claims, 1 sheet drawing); the International Search Report (3 sheets); the International Preliminary Examination Report (6 sheets, which included, as an attachment, amended pages 1, 2 and 12 of the application); Notification of Election from the PCT (1 sheet); Transmittal Letter to the DO/EO/US Concerning A Filing Under 35 USC 371 (2 sheets); and Declaration And Power of Attorney (2 sheets).]

2. ☒ The inventors of the present continuation application are Ian Anthoney Jones and Roger Jeremy Wise.

3. ☐ Cancel claims ____.

4. ☐ Small Entity Status was claimed in the prior application, and is claimed herein.

4a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Basic Fee | | | | \$ 750 |
| Total Claims | 28 -20= | 8 | X \$18 | = \$ 144 |
| Independent Claims | 1 - 3= | 0 | X \$84 | = <u>\$ 0</u> |
| Total Filing Fee | | | | \$ 894 |

5. ☒ A check for \$894 is enclosed.

6. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

6a. ☒ If any further filing fees are due, they can be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-1435.

7. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a continuation of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/806,613 filed March 29, 2001, which is a Section 371 national stage of PCT International Application PCT/GB99/03241, filed September 30, 1999, which, in turn, claims priority from United Kingdom Application 9821375.4, filed October 1, 1998.--

8. ☒ The prior application, is a Section 371 national stage of PCT International Application PCT/GB99/03241, filed September 30, 1999, which, in turn, claims priority from United Kingdom Application 9821375.4, filed October 1, 1998, and all of such priorities are claimed in the present application.

9. ☒ The prior application, is assigned to The Welding Institute, the Assignment having been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 29, 2001, at Reel 011736, Frame 0387.

10. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Martin Novack, Esq., Reg. No. 25,164.

10a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers of the application.

10b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, copies of the principal and associate powers in the prior application are enclosed.

11. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (with PTO-1449) is enclosed.

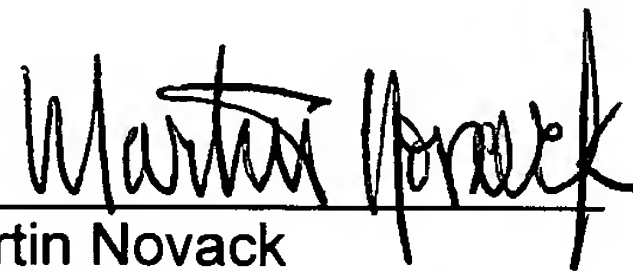
13. ☒ Address all future correspondence to:

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